

69. Did Mr. Lundon pay you any money?—Yes, he paid me for his board, and the board of the Natives.

70. How much did you get?—The first money he gave me was £16 10s.

71. Can you not tax your memory, and tell the Committee the total amount you received as near as possible?—I suppose he paid me £30 for his own board and their board.

72. Where did you suppose that money was coming from?—I did not know; it was not my business.

73. *Wi Rikihana.*] Are you quite positive that you heard Robert Cochrane explaining everything to the Natives when they signed in the post-office?—Yes, quite certain.

74. How do you know he was explaining, seeing that you have stated that you do not know Maori?—Why, Mr. Cochrane told me himself.

75. How then did you remain in ignorance that 7s. 6d. per acre was being paid?—He did not tell me the whole thing; he said he had explained the whole thing to the Natives.

76. Was it Cochrane alone who explained the deed?—Yes.

77. Did you hear Mr. Millar telling the amount we were to receive?—I forget; I do not remember that.

78. *Herewini te Toko.*—Now, you have stated that you heard Cochrane explain in the post-office. Will you tell the Committee what you heard Cochrane say? You said that Cochrane's explanation was, "He did not explain to me, but told me he was explaining to the Maoris." Now, I will ask you what Cochrane told you?—He told me he explained the deed, or whatever document it was, to the Natives.

79. Then you simply heard Cochrane say that he was explaining the deed, and you cannot, of your own knowledge, swear that he explained the deed properly?—I do not understand Maori.

80. Did you ever tell any person that Lundon had paid you £50?—Never.

81. Did you ever mention to any person that Mr. Lundon had sent £300 to his daughter, and that in your opinion that money belonged to the Natives, or was the portion of the price of their land?—I never said any such thing.

Mr. EDWARD HOWE sworn and examined.

82. *The Chairman.*] Where do you reside?—Rawene.

83. What is your occupation?—Master shoemaker.

84. *Mr. Lundon.*] You recollect me going to your house with a telegram from Wi Rikihana?—I do not know exactly whether it was a letter or a telegram.

85. Could you tell the Committee the date and purport of that telegram or letter?—No, I could not.

86. Do you recollect me putting a telegram into your hand?—I do not.

87. Do you recollect me saying to you, "Bring Rikihana, of Herd's Point, to sign the deed"?—Yes.

88. Did you go for him?—Yes, I did.

89. Did he say anything to you about the price of the land?—Nothing whatever.

90. Did you take him back to the Herds?—I did not take him back.

91. Did I pay you for going for him?—Yes.

92. How much money?—You gave me £4.

93. Had you any conversation with Rikihana after he signed the deed?—I had a conversation with him, but not concerning his business—I mean the sale of the land.

94. He did not find any fault with the sale, or make any objection to it in Maori or English to you?—No.

95. You and he are very good friends?—Yes, we are pretty good friends.

96. If he was dissatisfied in any way do you not think he would have told you?—I do not know that he would tell me.

97. Do you recollect being in the dining-room of Flood's Hotel the night that Waaka and the Maoris from the north were there?—Yes, I remember being there.

98. Was Robert Cochrane acting as interpreter there to the Natives?—I heard him speaking in Maori to the Natives.

99. Did the Maoris seem pleased or satisfied?—I was not paying any attention as to whether they were pleased or displeased.

100. If you were, would you not notice?—I was not interested in the conversation, so I did not take any notice.

101. How many Natives do you think were present altogether?—I suppose there might be seven or eight there.

102. Do you recollect of Europeans being there?—Yes; there were a lot of us there.

103. *Herewini te Toko.*] Did you ever hear that we had given Mr. Lundon authority, by a certain document, to act as commissioner or agent for the sale of our land?—No.

104. *Mr. Parata.*] Do you know how much per acre the Natives got for their land?—I do not know.

105. You did not hear afterwards what they got?—Well, I may have heard it, but I took no notice of it.

Mr. PATRICK SHERIDAN examined.

106. *The Chairman.*] What is your position?—Officer in charge of the Land-purchase Department.

107. Will you make a statement to the Committee?—On the 8th October, 1891, Mr. Cadman gave me a list of blocks of land north of Auckland, which he said Mr. Lundon had offered to the Government on behalf of the Native owners. He directed me to search the titles, and let him know whether they were in a position to be dealt with. There were six blocks on the list alto-